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CENSUS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, 30TH JUNE, 1954.No.36 : MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS OF OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS : AUSTRALIA.

This statement shows the numbers of occupied private houses, shares of private houses, flats, other private dwellings and total private dwellings in each State and Territory of Australia, according to material of outer walls, at the Census of 30th June, 1954.

Summaries No.31, Classes of Occupied Dwellings, and No.33, Nature of Occupancy of Occupied Private Dwellings, have already been issued, and similar statements for other characteristics of dwellings of the population (i.e. rooms, inmates, etc.) will be issued as the information becomes available.

For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only part of a building. "Private House" includes sheds, huts, garages, etc. used for dwelling purposes. "Share of Private House" is a portion of a shared private house which is occupied separately and for which portion a separate Householder's Schedule was furnished. A "flat" is part of a house or other building which can be completely closed off and which includes both cooking and bathing facilities. "Other" private dwelling is an apartment, room(s), etc., which is part of a building, but is not a self-contained unit.

All figures shown herein are exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by full-blood aboriginals.

OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLSIN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Material of Outer Walls	N. S. W.	Vic.	Q'land	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	N. T.	A. C. T.	Australia
PRIVATE HOUSE (a)									
Brick	293,732	161,102	8,549	82,956	52,183	12,245	89	3,211	614,067
Stone	6,378	4,299	146	58,663	3,702	1,115	44	11	74,358
Concrete	10,400	13,911	3,311	11,655	4,313	2,471	220	352	46,633
Wood	270,204	349,869	240,046	13,112	37,998	51,123	298	1,893	964,543
Iron	17,012	4,126	14,359	9,639	8,409	708	1,268	37	55,558
Fibro-Cement	159,339	34,436	31,033	13,787	34,778	2,551	872	857	277,653
Calico, Canvas, Hessian	3,754	482	2,058	265	978	74	88	7	7,706
Other	4,039	3,980	866	1,624	2,308	387	121	20	13,345
Not Stated	887	311	504	165	194	41	47	2	2,151
TOTAL	765,745	572,516	300,872	191,866	144,863	70,715	3,047	6,390	2,056,014

SHARE OF PRIVATE HOUSE

Brick	21,519	12,399	171	5,874	3,711	1,137	3	104	44,918
Stone	646	337	12	4,203	360	141	2	..	5,701
Concrete	369	301	71	474	143	82	5	13	1,458
Wood	12,883	19,334	6,995	530	1,909	2,086	3	155	43,895
Iron	402	92	324	459	175	6	18	2	1,478
Fibro-Cement	5,527	1,408	581	384	1,128	42	16	29	9,115
Calico, Canvas, Hessian	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Other	67	201	13	95	48	29	..	..	453
Not Stated	56	68	15	36	13	6	..	..	194
TOTAL	41,471	34,140	8,183	12,056	7,487	3,529	47	303	107,216

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

Material of Outer Walls	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
FLAT									
Brick	59,841	22,348	2,025	2,911	3,637	1,292	6	293	92,353
Stone	1,131	424	61	2,213	181	143	..	1	4,154
Concrete	1,117	655	491	231	87	137	38	3	2,759
Wood	4,189	3,983	11,010	103	564	915	16	9	20,789
Iron	213	44	172	69	105	10	4	..	617
Fibro-Cement	2,050	603	2,959	116	663	23	42	3	6,459
Calico, Canvas, Hessian	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	26	79	41	24	17	10	1	..	198
Not Stated	53	12	12	7	3	4	..	..	91
TOTAL	68,620	28,148	16,771	5,674	5,257	2,534	107	309	127,420

OTHER PRIVATE DWELLING									
Brick	19,422	11,654	375	1,053	1,250	409	2	5	34,170
Stone	1,221	671	19	1,126	154	156	..	..	3,347
Concrete	237	171	92	67	3	13	2	..	585
Wood	2,040	2,965	4,902	114	216	246	8	21	10,512
Iron	229	44	121	67	99	..	3	..	563
Fibro-Cement	1,091	441	1,523	55	158	39	16	3	3,326
Calico, Canvas, Hessian	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	16	30	10	8	9	6	5	..	84
Not Stated	67	88	15	9	..	..	..	..	179
TOTAL	24,323	16,064	7,057	2,499	1,889	869	36	29	52,766

TOTAL OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS									
Brick	394,514	207,503	11,120	92,794	60,781	15,083	100	3,613	785,508
Stone	9,376	5,731	238	66,205	4,397	1,555	46	12	87,560
Concrete	12,123	15,038	3,965	12,427	4,546	2,703	265	368	51,435
Wood	289,316	376,151	262,953	13,859	40,687	54,370	325	2,078	1,039,739
Iron	17,856	4,306	14,976	10,234	8,788	724	1,293	39	58,216
Fibro-Cement	168,007	36,888	36,096	14,342	36,727	2,655	946	892	296,553
Calico, Canvas, Hessian	3,756	482	2,059	266	978	74	88	7	7,710
Other	4,148	4,290	930	1,751	2,382	432	127	20	14,080
Not Stated	1,063	479	546	217	210	51	47	2	2,615
TOTAL	900,159	650,868	332,883	212,095	159,496	77,647	3,237	7,031	2,343,416

Compared with the numbers at the 1947 Census occupied private dwellings built of wood increased by 17.53 per cent.; brick by 20.85 per cent.; fibro-cement by 152.10 per cent.; concrete by 76.53 per cent. Stone, iron, and calico, canvas and hessian decreased by 0.16, 11.70 and 50.10 per cent. respectively.

At the 1954 Census wooden dwellings comprised 44.37 per cent. of the total occupied private dwellings, brick, 33.52 per cent., fibro-cement, 12.65 per cent., and stone, 3.74 per cent. Corresponding proportions for 1947 were: wooden, 47.22 per cent., brick, 34.69 per cent., fibro-cement, 6.28 per cent., and stone, 4.68 per cent.

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